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FOR A/OC/RCO-ARA RAMBO AND A/SY ST MARIS (AT REQUEST OF RSO)

FROM CRO

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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE RADIO PROBLEMS AND REPEATER SITE (UPDATE)

REF: SAN JOSE 3237

1. REFTTEL WAS SENT AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED APPROXIMATELY 3 WEEKS AGO IN ORDER TO KEEP OC ABREAST OF WHAT HAD BEEN GOING ON HERE, (DELAY IN TRANSMISSION DUE TO AWAITING AMB/DCM CLEARANCE). THIS REPORT ALSO BEING SUBMITTED LATER THAN PLANNED DUE PRESS OF NORMAL BUSINESS. FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE NOW TAKEN PLACE.

2. AFTER MOVING REPEATER TO EMBASSY WE PREPARED TO ISSUE RE-CRYSTALIZED RADIOS. WHEN CHECKING RADIOS WE FOUND SEVERAL PES AND PRS WHICH WERE NOT HITTING REPEATER. WE ASKED RADIO TECH WHO WORKS FOR G.E. REP TO LOOK INTO PROBLEM. HE FOUND NUMBER OF RADIOS WHICH WERE A FEW KCS OFF ON XMIT. AFTER ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE RADIOS WORKED FINE. HE ALSO FOUND 6 PRS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN RECRYSTALIZED FOR XMIT.

3. RESULTS FROM LOW-LYING ESCAZU AREA, WHERE AMBASSADOR
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RESIDES, WERE VERY POOR AND TECH SAID ONLY SOLUTION WAS TO GET REPEATER UP HIGHER. HE INDICATED HE HAD FAMILY MEMBER WHO LIVES IN HEREDIA, 2,000 FT. ABOVE CITY AND HE WOULD SEE IF WE COULD MOVE REPEATER THERE. HE LATER INFORMED US WE COULD PUT REPEATER THERE.

4. ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, SCO FARRELL AND I DONNED ROOF CLIM-

BING SHOES AND ACCOMPANIED G.E. TECH TO HEREDIA HOME. WE MOUNTED ANTENNA, ON TOP OF 30 FT. PIPE, ON GARAGE ROOF. REPEATER/DUPLEXER HOUSED IN OFFICE ABOVE GARAGE. TEST RESULTS WERE MOST ENCOURAGING. EMBASSY, RESIDENCE AND SEVERAL OTHER POINTS THROUGHOUT CITY ALL WORKED WELL WITH PE-66S. WE DID FIND SOME PES PRODUCED CONSIDERABLE NOISE WHEN WORKING FROM CHARGER. TECH INDICATED THIS CAUSED BY A.C., BUT CAN BE CORRECTED BY ADJUSTING CHARGERS. TECH INDICATED WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK PUNTERANAS AREA HOWEVER, LIMON AREA IS OUT AS PATH IS BLOCKED BY MT. IRAZU.

5. WE WILL ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HOME OWNER PAYING HIM SAME AMOUNT OF OLD CHANNEL SIX LEASE, APPROXIMATELY \$35.00 PER MONTH.

6. G.E. REP IS NOW RECRYSTALIZING PRS MENTIONED PARA. 2 AND THOROUGHLY CHECKING ALL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BASE STATIONS, HAND-HELD PES/PRS, CHARGERS AND MOBILE UNITS TO ENSURE ALL RADIOS EXACTLY ON FREQUENCY AND ELIMINATE NOISE FROM CHARGERS. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE TIME, BUT WE HAVE ENOUGH OPERATIONAL UNITS AT MOMENT TO KEEP MOST IMPORTANT PARTIES ON AIR. G. E. WILL ALSO INSTALL AID MOBILE UNITS WHICH WERE RECENTLY RECEIVED. AT SOME FUTURE DATE I HOPE TO TRAVEL TO PACIFIC COAST AND TEST SYSTEM WITH MOBILE AND HAND-HELD RADIOS.

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7. PRESENT TEMPORARY SITE HAS US OUT OF THE WOODS AND FINALLY ON THE ROAD TO AN EFFECTIVE E&E RADIO PROGRAM. HOWEVER, TO GET DESIRED RESULTS BELIEVE WE MUST PLAN TO GO AHEAD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL. PLAN TO TEST PROPOSED ALTO DE TABARCA SITE (PARA 4 REFTEL) AS SOON AS PERMISSION RECEIVED AND TIME PERMITS.

8. RSO MAY, WHO IS VISITING POST THIS WEEK, REQUESTED BRIEFING ON STATUS OF RADIO NET. HE AGREES EMBASSY SHOULD LOCATE REPEATER AT SITE WHICH WILL GIVE US BEST POSSIBLE COVERAGE. ALSO BRIEFED VISITING AID SY OFFICER AGNEW THIS MORNING.

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